

PUC Or. No. 7
Mt. Angel Telephone Company

LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

OREGON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIFELINE OR OTAP)

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Lifeline provides for a discount against the recurring monthly rate for the provision of local residential service for certain low-income customers. Lifeline is a joint State and Federal Programs pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Subpart E, 54. In order to be eligible for Lifeline, subscribers must meet the requirements for the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program as defined in OAR 860-033-0030. As well as the Federal qualification standards in 47 C.F.R.54.409 (C)

Lifeline subscribers may subscribe to toll blocking at no extra charge. Toll blocking is a service provided that allows OTAP recipients to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their telecommunications circuit (OAR 860-033-0005(18)). Lifeline subscribers who subscribe to toll blocking will not be required to pay service deposits in order to initiate service.

Lifeline subscribers will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, regardless of whether toll blocking is activated on their service. Partial payments received from Lifeline subscribers will be first applied to local service and then to toll charges.

Lifeline will not be furnished with Foreign Exchange service.

The following services are included in Lifeline:

- Single party, voice grade access to the Public Switched Network
- Access to emergency services
- Access to operator services
- Access to interexchange services, unless toll blocking is chosen
- Access to directory assistance
- Toll Blocking

The discount will begin with the date the company receives a valid application from the customer or when new service is established for a qualifying customer. The discount will be prorated from the effective date of the customer's application. The discount is applicable only to one access line at a residential customer's principal residence.

The reductions to be applied to the residential one-party rate are as follows:

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| Baseline Federal Lifeline Reductions | \$ 9.25 | (C) |
| State Supported Reduction (OTAP) | \$ 3.50 | (D) |
| Total | <u>\$12.75</u> | (D) |

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Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Mt. Angel Telephone Company subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXC's that serve Mt. Angel Telephone Company.

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